

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 2**  
**INCIDENT NO. 2005-075**  
**DATE: June 3, 2005 Time: 5:30 p.m.**

**TO:** Governor John Hoeven  
State Capitol  
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – Severe thunderstorms with heavy rain, hail and high winds moved through portions of North Dakota beginning May 9, 2005, and continuing.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGES: Beginning May 9, 2005, a series of slow-moving thunderstorms have moved through the Dakotas producing severe weather.

**Bottineau County**

On June 3, the County Emergency Manager reported major flood damage in the City of Souris due to approximately six inches of rain that fell in a short period of time June 1 and June 2. Water was unable to drain properly and flowed into the west side of the city. The road on the west side of Souris had to be trenched in three spots to assist with drainage. There are eight to ten homes that had basements full of water. Because of water damage to their homes the residents were forced to leave and find shelter elsewhere with friends and family, some residents decided to remain in their homes.

The Townships of Dahlen, Harman, Peabody, Scandia, Starbuck, and Edisvold in Bottineau County were greatly impacted from the flood waters, reporting numerous township and county roads that had major damage. The damage consisted of gravel wash, washed out roads and displaced culverts. Additionally, five bridges had water completely over them. Numerous homes reported several inches of water and sewage backup in their basements. A damage assessment is currently underway.

**McHenry County**

On June 3, the County Emergency Manager reported water was still running off the fields and some overland flooding is occurring. Creeks and rivers are on the rise and may become obstructed with logs and debris. Trees were snapped off or uprooted. There is damage to a pickup caused by a fallen tree. There are some

roads along the rising creeks and coulees that have water going over them. Culvert damage and washed out roads were also reported. On June 2, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad track at Norwich was submerged for a period of time. A damage assessment is currently underway.

### **Ward County**

On June 3, the County Homeland Security Planner reported rural areas, including areas south and east of Minot, experienced standing water in fields (1%-5% of field covered). Numerous culverts were observed at maximum capacity six to eight hours after the last rainfall.

Residents of the City of Surrey experienced 16 to 24 inches of water in basements due to the large volume of water overwhelming the capacity of the lift station. Ward County Engineers were required to breach Ward County Road 14 east of N.D. Highway 52 to relieve severe flooding of a residential area. One home was completely submerged, another partially flooded.

Ward County emergency officials investigated a report of exceptional flooding in a resident's home southeast of Minot. The home received eight inches of water and sewage backup in the basement. Several outbuildings were heavily damaged, vehicles were flooded and driveway culverts (large capacity) were washed out, cutting off residents from the road.

Ward County emergency officials also investigated a report of exceptional flooding of a residence immediately east of U.S. Highway 83 and south of Minot. The resident reported the culvert was completely overwhelmed by the volume of water. The basement was completely filled with water and had accompanying sewage backup. Vehicles were filled with water, the asphalt driveway was washed out and debris was found as far as 100 yards from the home.

Ward County emergency officials indicated severe damage has occurred within the City of Minot. Retaining walls are severely damaged. The Meadowbrook subdivision embankment had breached and there are numerous reports of basement flooding. A damage assessment is currently underway.

#### **4. RESOURCES:**

**LOCAL:** Agencies include fire departments, dispatch centers, emergency medical services, law enforcement, county and city maintenance crews, county and city engineers, public works and emergency management officials, rural electric cooperatives, and local health districts.

**STATE:** Agencies monitoring conditions include the Governor's Office, N.D. National Guard, State Radio Communications, N.D. Highway Patrol, N.D. Department of Transportation, N.D. Department of Health, N.D. State Electrical Board, State Water Commission and the N.D. Division of Emergency Management.

FEDERAL: Agencies monitoring conditions include the National Weather Service (NWS) which issued periodic weather reports and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: The Minot Chapter of the American Red Cross is assisting the City of Souris with 500 gallons of potable water.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS:

On June 3, the N.D. State Electrical Board reported they are working with Ottertail Power Company and electrical contractors in the City of Souris with electrical panels and equipment so power can be restored.

On June 3, the N.D. National Guard provided one water buffalo for potable water to the City of Souris. Arrangements have been made to refill the water buffalo at the city shop in Bottineau.

On June 3, the N.D. Department of Health began preparations for issuing a boil order for the City of Souris once water services are restored.

#### **Bottineau County**

On June 2, 2005, the State Operations Center received a report from the County Emergency Manager stating the City of Souris declared an emergency and was completely out of water. The rural water supply serving approximately 90 residents was shut down to prevent sewage contamination due to excessive overland flooding. The sewer lift station was unable to keep up with the large amount of water coming into the city. The County Emergency Manager stated the Minot Chapter of the Red Cross provided 500 gallons of fresh water and also requested National Guard assistance with additional potable water. The County Emergency Manager anticipated the water system to be operational by late Friday, June 3, or Saturday, June 4. The First District Health Unit is on scene providing technical assistance. Once water services are restored, a temporary boil order will be in effect until water quality testing is completed.

#### **McHenry County**

The County Emergency Manager reported diking was conducted to keep the water from flowing over the access road to the Dakota Midland Grain Elevator at Norwich. Damaged road sites have been flagged.

#### **Ward County**

The Ward County Engineer expects to have a comprehensive list of major damage sites by Monday, June 6. The Ward County Commissioners will be meeting Tuesday, June 7, to discuss a Disaster Declaration. Minot Public Works is planning to place containers throughout the city to serve as temporary dump sites to assist residents during cleanup efforts and is encouraging other townships to assist their residents by providing containers to discard water damaged materials.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No changes from previous report.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No changes from previous report.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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